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GREAT REPUBLICAN MASS MEETING.

The Political Meeting of What Nots.

We have noticed in the recent issue of the Searchlight that Attorney Jones and his sympathizers have changed the call for the convention just a little bit, but not enough to make the call what it should be; and that is for the convention of colored men exclusively.

The call is misleading and serves to trickery of the worst kind and character. If men desire to further their own political interest, they should do so on the square.

We believe that the ambition of any man or set of men to be political leaders, is laudable; but don't believe that the people should be imposed upon and tricked into a convention in order to satiate the ambition of some fellow who desires political preferment.

That call of Jones et al, emanated from a caucus held in Jones' office and the agreement of that caucus was, that a convention composed exclusively of colored men, should be called. After the caucus, Jones and the others who are responsible for the call, arrogated and usurped the power to call Rep convention. Now the people who would participate in that convention of incongruities, will be in the same shape that a Lily White club is in the regular Republican organization; and in fact, we believe that it is the scheme of some Lily White, gotten up for the purpose of having the Negroes to make d—n fools of them selves.

That call has already been published in several papers of the Territory and has led quite a number of republicans to believe that there is an attempt being organize a machine in opposition to the regular Republican organization of this Territory. That game might have been good politics thirty years ago, but it is a tack number today. In order that our people who come here on the day set for the convention may have a place to meet and consult about matters touching the race, and in order that every Negro man may be able to attend the convention regardless of his past or present political affiliation, there will be a call issued

next week giving the same date for the convention and a proper place will be secured. This is not done for the purpose of breaking up the Jones meeting, but for the sole purpose of accomodating those who come and who desire to attend a meeting and not put themselves in opposition to Republican organization.

OWLETS.

(once a month.)

The ol' decon that can be seen at a certain widow's house late on Satidy nite had better stop or the owl will hoot.

Them married men from Texas and Arkansas, who is playing single and courtin' the gurls must quit the owl is on the trail

The owl seen a marshal serve notica of divorce on a fellow from texas who has been playing single here, he am a teacher, watch out fesser de owl will tell.

Single wimmen dat gives their company to married men must quit or get named.

The two single women dat slips down town each eve just as de stoos close an' accidntly get locked in wid de clurks must stop as de owl sees you even if you am country teachers.

De feller dat give de owl some bad booze better dis'pear as dis bird hat in fur um.

De chicken steeler and udder night thieves must look out or de owl will tole on dem also de prowler after de cole and de wud and his nabur must quit his meanness.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to thank the public for the aid given the committee, Messr. D. Richardson and L. Norwood, who solicited money for the burial of my husband, John Scott.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Josephine Scott.

The Masons laid the corner stone for their new hall at Twine, I. T. on July 17th. There was quite a large crowd in attendance and \$50.51 was deposited in the stone. The lodge at Twine is one of the best lodges in the Territory. Dep. Grand Master H. Hardwick was present and assisted in the work.

JAVE Richardson's
BARBERSHOP,
OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE.
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ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE IN SESSION

The present session of the Gr. Lodge has the best attendance of any Gr. Lodge held since the war about jurisdictions began.

The Eastern Star meeting was a harmonious gathering and their deliberations were carried on in an expeditious manner. A. G. W. Sango was elected G. Patron; and Mrs. H. E. Miller, Gr. Matron; Mrs. Lula Walcott, G.S.

Momyer, the City Recorder and Acting Mayor, was requested to make the welcome address to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and Indian Territories. He had no time for prederation as the notice came as a surprise to him. But he came to taw like an old veteran and in a very few minutes had his audience applauding at the end of every sentence. He is one of the boys and in spite of his politics, we are bound to say he is a good fellow.

Hon. J. C. Johnson, the Grand Master of Masons, made the reply to the welcome address which was one of the best orations of the opening. He is a finished scholar and easy speaker and charms his audience from the beginning to ending.

Clarence B. Douglass in behalf of the Press, delivered an address which was instructive and interesting. Clarence is a speaker and knows it. He showed himself to be famillier with the progress of the race and his suggestions, recommendations, etc, were heartily received and appreciated.

Lieutenant Wiggins of Ardmore, one of the most eloquent attorneys in the Southwest, caught his audience from the tart and his speech was full of the most profitable and instructive advices pertinent to the occasion. His eloquence held the entire concourse of people spellbound. And his closing was such that the entire audience applauded at each and every sentence.

The Muskogee colored band furnished music for the occasion, and the boys are entitled to the greatest praise, because the music was first class; and each and every race lover in Muskogee, ought to contribute something to the boys who are struggling to give us what we need—a first class band.

The Grand Lodge is composed of an intelligent, fine looking set

of race representatives. They come from the very best circles of the localities in which they live and are in every way fit representatives of the race.

As we go to press, the various committees of the Grand Lodge are at work and have not reported. We shall endeavor in the next issue to give a report of the doings of this Grand Lodge, also the report of the banquet given tonight.

TOO BUSY TO MAKE NOISE.

Kindergarten Scholar Was Engaged In Pretty Hard Task.

According to the Kansas City Star, a kindergarten teacher of that city was incapacitated from work one day recently by a somewhat startling incident.

The subject of the lecture and object lesson was animals, birds and then more animals.

"Now, children," said the teacher, "I want each of you to think of some animal or bird and try for a moment to be like the particular one you are thinking about, and make the same kind of noises they are in the habit of making."

Here was the command. Here the snail:

Instantly the schoolroom became a menagerie. Lions roaring, dogs barking, birds singing and twittering, cows lowing, calves bleating, cats meowing, etc., all in an uproar and excitement—all, with one single exception.

Off in a remote corner a little fellow was sitting perfectly still, apparently indifferent and unmindful of all the rest. The teacher observing him, approached and said:

"Waide, why are you not taking part with the other children?"

Waving her off with a deprecating hand and wide, rebuking eyes, he fervently whispered:

"Sh—sh—sh, teacher! I'm a 'cooter, and I'm a-layin' a algi!"

Some Proverbs of the Japanese.

The man who knows Japan was speaking the other evening of its proverbs.

"We all know," he said, "the proverb about 'more haste, less speed,' but the Japs put it: 'If in a hurry, go round.' We say, very crudely, that 'accidents will happen in the best regulated families,' but the Japanese, with a view to making the phrase more picturesque, say: 'Even a monkey sometimes falls from a tree.' The saying about edged tools and cut fingers, the people of the Flowery Kingdom vary thus: 'If one plays with tigers one is likely to have trouble,' while our 'oil and water won't mix' they know as 'you can't rivet a nail in a custard.' Where we say 'out of evil good may come,' they say 'the lotus springs from the mud.' Mrs. Partington's attempt is in Japan, 'scattering fog with a fan,' 'building bridges to the clouds,' or 'dipping up the ocean with a shell.' And when the person making such an attempt has failed the Japanese say that, after all, 'thine own heart makes the world.'"—Philadelphia Press.

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